

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, the Forty-first Legislature at its Fifth Called Session passed Senate Bill No. 21, being "AN ACT to amend Article 5139 of Title 82 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1925, relating to juvenile boards in certain counties and salaries of district and criminal district judges in such counties; and declaring an emergency"; and,

WHEREAS, said bill has been vetoed for the reasons set out in the following statement, which has been filed with said bill in the office of the Secretary of State;

Senate Bill Number 21, being "An Act to amend Article 5139 of Title 82 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1925, relating to juvenile boards in certain counties and salaries of district and criminal district judges in such counties; and declaring an emergency" is hereby vetoed.

This bill amends Article 5139 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1925 so as to give the Commissioners' Courts in counties having a population of 150,000 or over authority to pay the judges of the several district courts of such counties a sum not to exceed twenty-five hundred (\$2,500.00) dollars per year from County funds, in addition to the salaries paid district judges by the State. The effect of the bill is to permit the Commissioners' Courts in counties of the population stated to increase the salaries of the district judges to seventy-five hundred (\$7,500.00) dollars per year. At the present time the State of Texas pays a salary of five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars per year to district judges, and counties having a population of over 150,000 are allowed to pay their district judges an additional fifteen hundred (\$1,500.00) dollars per year for service on the Juvenile Board of such county. This bill permits the Commissioners' Courts to pay the district judges twenty-five hundred (\$2,500.00) dollars per year from County funds instead of the fifteen hundred (\$1,500.00) dollars now paid.

I do not believe that it would be sound policy to have the district judges in the larger counties of Texas drawing an annual salary of seventy-five hundred (\$7,500.00) dollars per year, while all other district judges in the State would be receiving the State salary of five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars per year. The salaries which could be paid the district judges in the larger counties under this bill would be equal to the salaries received by the Justices of the Supreme Court and the judges of the Court of Criminal Appeals, and it would be a higher salary than is paid the Justices of the Courts of Civil Appeals, the Commissioners of Appeals of the Supreme Court, and of the Court of Criminal Appeals.

It seems to me that the bill can only result in dissatisfaction on the part of the judges of the Courts of Civil Appeals, and Commission of Appeals

since judges of inferior courts would be receiving higher salaries than they receive, and it likewise would create dissatisfaction on the part of other district judges in the State because of the distinction made between them and the judges in the larger counties of Texas in the matter of salary.

For the reasons stated, this bill is vetoed.


Governor

NOW, THEREFORE, KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT I,
DAN MOODY, Governor of the State of Texas, under and by virtue of the
authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State,
have vetoed said bill for the reasons stated and on file, and do here-
by proclaim said action to have been taken.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have
hereunto signed my name offi-
cially and caused the seal of
State to be impressed hereon
at Austin, Texas, this the 9th
day of April, A. D., 1930.

BY THE GOVERNOR:

[Signature]
Secretary of State

[Signature]
Governor of Texas